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The invention claimed is:

1. A nucleic acid encoding the amino acid sequence of the C-terminal part of the C_H3 -domain of an immunoglobulin of the class IgA or IgG, or the amino acid sequence of the C-terminal part of the C_H4 -domain of an immunoglobulin of the class IgE or IgM, wherein the glycine-lysine-dipeptide comprised in said amino acid sequence of the C-terminal part of the C_H3 - or C_H4 -domain is encoded by one of the following nucleic acid sequences, ggaaca, gccaac, gggaaa, ggaaag, gccaag, and gggaaag, the nucleic acid gggaaaa, or the nucleic acid ggcaaa.

2. The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid encodes an amino acid sequence selected from the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8.

3. The nucleic acid of claim 2, wherein the nucleic acid encoding said glycine-lysine-dipeptide is preceded by the nucleotide g or a.

4. The nucleic acid of claim 3, wherein said glycine-lysine-dipeptide is encoded by the nucleic acid gggaaaa, or the nucleic acid ggcaaa, or the nucleic acid gggaaa.

5. The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein the C-terminal part of the C_H3 domain, or the C-terminal part of the C_H4 domain,

comprises at least the 20 C-terminal amino acids of the immunoglobulin heavy chain primary amino acid sequence.

6. The nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid encodes a part of the C-terminal constant domain of an immunoglobulin heavy chain of the class IgA, IgE, IgM, or IgG and is selected from the nucleic acids of SEQ ID NO: 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 30, or 31.

7. The nucleic acid of claim 6, wherein said nucleic acid is selected from the nucleic acids of SEQ ID NO: 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 30, or 31.

8. The nucleic acid of claim 7, wherein nucleic acid is selected from the nucleic acids of SEQ ID NO: 17, 18, 19, 22, or 23.

9. The nucleic acid of claim 6, wherein said nucleic acid encodes a part of the C-terminal constant domain of a human immunoglobulin heavy chain of the class IgG1 or IgG4.

10. A plasmid comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1.

11. An isolated cell comprising the nucleic acid of claim 1, wherein said cell is a mammalian cell.

12. The cell of claim 11, characterized in that said mammalian cell is selected from a CHO cell, a HEK cell, or a BHK cell.